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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 01 APRIL 2004 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. Other b. Enclosed i. Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. Other

2. Miscellaneous

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